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February 12, 2020

Ms. Melanie Bachman
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Town of Waterford Response to Request to Reopen Petition 1347

Dear Ms. Bachman,

The Town of Waterford recently received notification that the Siting Council will consider a motion to reopen and modify the December 2018 denial of the following petition:

PETITION NO. 1347 – GRE GACRUX LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.78-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut.

The Town became aware of the motion to reopen and the availability of new materials to review on January 24, 2020. Waterford recognizes that the proposal has been modified from the original petition and defers to the Siting Council as to whether or not to reopen the petition. The Town is beginning a review of newly submitted materials and will provide the Siting Council with formal comments if the petition is reopened. Should the Siting Council reopen the petition, the Town respectfully requests that the Council hold a public hearing on this matter. The size of the project, environmental sensitivity of natural resources in the area, and the Town infrastructure that would be used to access the site warrant the opportunity for public comment. Correspondence concerning this matter may be sent to the Office of the First Selectman and to Abby Y. Piersall, AICP, Planning Director at apiersall@waterfordct.org.

Sincerely,

Robert Brule
First Selectman